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Ninety-Ninth Annual Convocation on Mar. 17

Mysore Varsity Hon. Doctorates for Amma and Tiptur Seer

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (MTY&BCT)- The century-old University of Mysore will have a spiritual touch to its Ninety-Ninth Annual Convocation as two spiritual leaders will be conferred 'Honoris Causa' Degree (Honorary Doctorates) this time.

Mata Amritanandamayi, fondly called Amma, who is the President of Mata Amritanandamayi Mutt and Chancellor, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham and Sri Ma.Ni. Pra. Karivrashabha Deshikendra Shivayogishwara Mahaswamiji of Somanakatte Sri Kadasiddeshwara Mutt, Nonavinakere in Tiptur will be conferred the honorary doctorates. While Karivrashabha Deshikendra Shivayogishwara Mahaswamiji has confirmed his attendance, the University authorities will go to Amritanandamayi Mutt in the coming days to present the honour.

Mata Amritanandamayi

Shivayogishwara Mahaswamiji

Making the announcement at Crawford Hall this morning, University Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar told reporters that the Convocation will be held on Mar. 17 at 11 am.

Chairman of All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE), New Delhi, Dr. Anil D. Sahasrabudhe will deliver the Convocation Address. Higher Education Minister and Pro-Chancellor G.T. Devegowda will preside.

A ceremony to distribute certificates will be held at 3.30 pm where Vice-President of Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, Prof. B.V.R. Chowdari will be present.

"On the participation of Minister G.T. Devegowda in the Convocation at a time when Election Model Code of Conduct is in force, we have written to the Election Commission for exemption as there will be no speech delivered by the Minister," the VC said. Governor Vajubhai Rudabhai Vala, who is the University Chancellor, will not be able to attend the Convocation, he added.

On the rule that only one honorary doctorate must be given by a University in the State, Prof. Hemantha Kumar said that last year, the University had not conferred honorary doctorates to anyone.

(See VARSITY on page 8)

Golden Girls

Stella *Meera* *Sanjana* *Poojitha*

Emelife Stella Chinelo from Nigeria, who studied in the Department of Chemistry, will receive 20 gold medals and 5 cash prizes at the 99th Convocation. Meera Manohar Rao Anasane (Department of Sanskrit) will receive 10 gold and one cash prize while Sanjana Darla (Economics) will get 10 gold and 3 cash prizes. P.L. Poojitha of Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies will receive 9 gold and 4 cash prizes.

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Eating for *endurance*

The academics as well as professionals in the vast field of *nutrition* make it a point to emphasise the importance of *balanced diet* and the rich rewards by following their mantra that seem to fall on deaf ears, particularly in the camp of gourmets. The key issue that is missed in prescribing the set of do's and don'ts for adhering to balanced diet, particularly to be wary of sugar, fat and salt, in same order, unarguably, happens to be the kick that people at large seek from gobbling their favourite dishes, sugar-loaded, fat-rich and tastefully salted. One cannot be faulted to aver that people eat *food* and not *nutrition*. The protagonists of balanced diet have their say in the assembly of people who dare to violate the rules of the eating game only to get bugged by health disorders, deficiency diseases, aches and pains, but it may be too late in the day to restore their *balance*. Eating for enduring from dawn to dusk and lasting from cradle to the grave are different kettles of fish.

The land's ancient generations, by hindsight, must have scrupulously followed a regimen of eating food to meet the needs of the body, taking care to avoid yielding to greed. The ubiquitous eateries of our times, particularly in urban spaces, Mysuru too in their august company, seem to be the greatest threat to the cause of eating appropriately to endure in every sense of the word. The expression *balanced diet* has vanished into thin air.

The mass of the land's headcount in impressionable age, most choosy in the matter of their food habits, cannot be faulted for their choice of dishes that are poles apart from the land's rich stock of tongue-smacking foods that are matchless for their nutrition and tastes that appeal to all sections of society. The millet-dominated diet of the rustics that has endured for centuries is marked by the factor of enduring their energy needed for the toil in the field for long hours. While the merits of balanced diet cannot be over-emphasised, the factors of accessing food without hassles, affording without difficulty and eating with relish win the day in the debate on food. Nutrition is both integral and incidental component of whatever food one chooses to eat.

Ultimately, all points bearing on our food considered, the choice is between enjoying food with relish irrespective of the advisory to stick to balanced diet opening the doors to ill health or to *endure* for an extended life span. The idiom *As you sow, so you reap* reflects the right and wrong of eating food with balance or otherwise.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Poorer countries have health problems because of lack of food. Then as people get rich, they end up losing the health advantage of food availability. They eat processed food that is high in salt, sugar and fat, which makes them obese and ill. But we also have an advantage — we have still not lost our culture of real food. The nutrition, nature and livelihood connection still exists, as many millions of Indians still eat frugal, but still nutritious home-cooked meals with local ingredient. But this is because people are poor. The question and challenge are if we can continue to eat healthy meals that are sourced from bio-diverse nature and built on rich culinary cultures even as we get rich. — *Sunita Narain in Business Standard*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Fox killed by chicken

Pontivy: A fox that sneaked into a chicken coop for a meal was pecked to death by the angry birds.

The incident took place at Pontivy in France recently. The fox is said to have sneaked into the coop housing nearly 3,000 chickens and got trapped inside when the automatic door snapped shut. The fox's body was found the next morning in a corner of the coop. No chicken were killed or injured in the incident.

Pascal Daniel, head of farming at the Agricultural School Gros-Chêne, toldthe media that chicken can act together in large groups and that the fox could have been panicked by the sudden massive retaliation. "There was a herd instinct and they attacked him with their beaks," he said.

Burglar sent packing by angry bees

London: A burglar, who jumped a fence and landed on a hive, was sent packing by a swamy of angry bees. The burglar har received 'natural justice,' says beekeeper Dale Gibson.

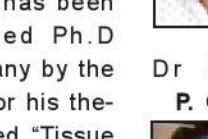
The burglar landed on two hives, each containing in the region of 20,000 furious stinging insects right below the fence. One was completely smashed and the roof of the other had been knocked off.

Dale said, " Upending an active hive will cause the bees to become very defensive. I would imagine that causing that damage in ordinary clothing would result in several stings pretty immediately... and the smell given off by a bee-sting is a marker for other bees to sting in the same area."

He explained that, while bees can't see in the dark, they can soon find someone who is sprawled in the wreckage of their hive. And they wouldn't have let the intruder off lightly.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What health conditions have been linked to chemical pesticides?



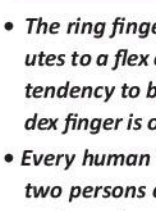
Studies have linked pesticide intake with: Asthma, depression, anxiety, cancer, Parkinson's disease, memory loss, Alzheimer's disease, as well as developmental disorder in children.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

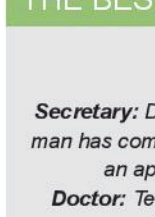
Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Mar. 15- The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Kannada to **D.K. Usha** for her thesis titled "Kannadada Mahila Athmakathegalu" submitted under the guidance of Dr. N.M. Talawar.

H.P. Sachin has been awarded Ph.D in Commerce by the UoM for his thesis "Performance of minimum alternative tax: A study of selected companies in Karnataka" submitted under the guidance of Dr. T.S. Devaraja.



H.S. Prithvi Raj has been awarded Ph.D in Botany by the UoM for his thesis titled "Tissue culture and phytochemical analysis of Commelina benghalensis L. and Passiflora caerulea L. — Medical plants" under the guidance of Dr. Shobha Jagannath.



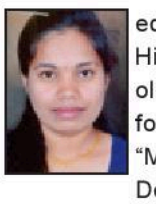
R.P. Chaya has been awarded Ph.D in Folklore by the UoM for her thesis titled "Mandya Jilleya Raitha Mahile - Janapadhiya Nele" under the guidance of Dr.Vijayalakshmi.

Umesha has been awarded Ph.D in Folklore by the UoM for his thesis titled "Heggadadevana Kote Talukina Janapada Vaidya" [Guide: Dr.M.Nanjaiah Hoganur].

V. Suresh Kumar has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the UoM for his thesis titled "H.S. Venkateshamurthy Avara Natakagalu" [Guide: Dr. B.P. Ashakumari].

G. Anand has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the UoM for his thesis titled "K. Sathyanarayan Avara Sahitya" [Guide: Dr B.P. Ashakumari].

P. Geetha has been awarded Ph.D in Ancient History and Archaeology by the UoM for her thesis titled "Malavalli Talukina Devalayagala Samskruthika Adhyayana" [Guide: Dr. K. Prabhu].



L.Geetha has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by UoM for her thesis "Kannada Dalitha Kadambarigalalli Grama Nagaragala Chitrana" [Guide: Dr. H.T. Venkateshamurthy].

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VOICE OF THE READER

Pedestrians risky on Kalidasa Road

Sir,

Of late Kalidasa Road has become one of the busiest roads in Mysuru with lot of commercial establishments doing fairly good business. Since there is ample designated parking area for both two-wheelers and four-wheelers, this road is frequented by the public. Unfortunately the area Corporator, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) or the shop-keepers association of Kalidasa Road have not taken any initiative to make this road pedestrian-friendly.

The footpath from Panchavati Circle to Chandrakala Hospital is totally undulated and is unfit and risky for the pedestrians to use. The pedestrians are forced to walk on the road abutting the parked vehicles. The heavy traffic flow invites a great risk to the pedestrians walking on the road.

MCC has funds to squander on various un-productive expenses and also have funds to asphalt and re-asphalt good roads, but have no funds to make the footpaths pedestrian-friendly.

The authorities concerned should wake up from their deep slumber and inspect the condition of Kalidasa Road footpath and initiate remedial actions to make it pedestrian-friendly and save the public from the risk of walking on this busy road.

— K. Chandrahas
on e-mail

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Bags district award

Mysuru, Mar. 15- P.N. Nihal, 8th std. student of Rainbow Public School, Mysuru, has bagged district award from Women and Child Welfare Department for his exceptional achievements in the field of drawing for the year 2018-19. The award was given during Women's Day celebration at Jaganmohan Palace here. Nihal is the son of P.N. Naveen Kumar and P. Rashmi, residents of Roopanagar in city.

No power tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 15- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 10 am and 4 pm in the following villages:

Hadya, Kahalli, Kamhalli, Karya, Aralikkattehundi, Baanuru, Chinnamballi, Chunchanahalli, Hanumanapura, Kakkarahatti, Bhogayyanahundi villages, according to a press release from CESC.

OSHO residential meditation camp

Mysuru, Mar. 15- The Friends of OSHO in Mysuru have organised a three-day OSHO residential meditation camp at OSHO SANNIDHI, Uttanahalli, Mysuru taluk from Mar.21 to 24. In the Camp, OSHO's Dynamic, Kundalini, Nadabrahma, Sufi and Vipassana Meditation techniques will be guided. For registration and details contact Maneesha on Mob: 9480278144 or Bhavbhini on Mob: 9900144119.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Disabled voters list

The Department of Welfare of Disabled has prepared the voters list of eligible disabled people above 18 years in all the 11 Assembly Constituencies in the context of the ensuing Lok Sabha polls. Information can be obtained by calling Ph: 0821-2490333 between 10am and 6pm or contact the Office on Pulakeshi Road, Tilaknagar.

Free health camp

A free 'Obesity and Thyroid' check up and treatment camp has been organised at the Government Ayurveda Medical College and Hospital on Sayyaji Rao Road here from Mar. 15 to 31. For details, contact Dr. Venkatakrishna or Dr. S.A. Asha between 9 am and 4 pm at Out Patient Room No. 22 or call Mob: 94485-72614 or 94833-15576.

Calling SC/ ST students

Social Welfare Department is offering coaching for SC/ ST candidates for various examinations, who should have appeared for II PUC examination during 2019 and with an annual family income less than Rs. 5 lakh. Application can be downloaded from www.sw.kar.nic.in, filled and mailed to: jeeneet2019petc@gmail.com before 5.30pm on Mar.17.

Story-telling

Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling for kids by Chandramathi Sonda, Literary Critic & Thinker for Women's Cause, Mysuru, tomorrow (Mar. 16) from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm at Suruchi Rangamane, # 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2541795 or Mob: 92435-81097.

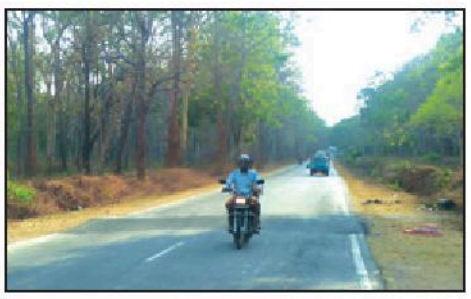
Contests for women

Badaganadau Balaga, Women's Wing, will be conducting various games, rangoli, light music and cooking competitions for women as part of Women's Day celebrations on Mar.24 at 12 noon at its Bhavan, Vasu Layout, Ramakrishnagar in city. Interested may register their names before Mar.20 with the following organisers: Manjula Venkatesh - 9632501260, Anuradha Shashidhar- 9900629124 or Pramila Srinivas - 9845698495.

JSS matrimonial meet on Mar. 17

JSS Vivaha Vedike has organised matrimonial meet for Veerashaiva bride and bridegrooms on Mar. 17 at Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Bhavan in the premises of JSS Hospital. The face to face matrimonial meet will be held on the same day from 10 am to 1 pm. Interested may register their names at the Office of the Vedike or Ph: 0821-2430322 or Mob: 96110-70674, according to a press release.

Install humps on Mysuru-Virajpet Highway via Anechowkur: HC



Bengaluru, Mar. 15 - The Karnataka High Court has directed the Executive Engineer of Public Works Department (PWD), Virajpet, to ensure that speed-breakers are provided at an interval of 500 metres for the 11-km stretch on State Highway Number 90 (Mysuru-Anechowkur-Virajpet Road near Mathigodu elephant camp) passing through Nagarahole Tiger Reserve to prevent the death of animals because of fast-moving vehicles.

Acting Chief Justice L. Narayana Swamy and Justice P.S. Dinesh Kumar passed this interim order after hearing a Public Interest Litigation petition, seeking directions to the Forest and PWD to take immediate steps to ban night traffic between 6 pm and 6 am on the State Highway.

The petition was filed by advocate H.C. Prakasha, a resident of Rajajinagar and A.M. Mahesh, a law student from Hebbal in Bengaluru. During the hearing, petitioner's counsel, Nalina Mayegowda submitted that vehicles moving on State Highway Number 90 (Mysuru-Virajpet road), which passes through Nagarahole Wildlife Reserve near Mathigodu Elephant Camp, was a threat to elephants.

The petitioners also demanded for an interim direction to the authorities, to provide for speed-breakers on the Highway, to keep a check on the speed of vehicles. Referring to the death of tusker Ranga in October last year after a speeding private bus from Kerala heading towards Mysuru hit the pachyderm on State Highway 90, the petitioners said traffic on this section of the Highway had increased due to the ban on night traffic on National Highways 67 and 212 (now renamed as NH 766) passing through the Bandipur Tiger Reserve.

At present, there is a ban on night traffic on NH-766 that connects Karnataka to Kerala via Gundlupet in Chamarajanagar and on NH-67 that links Karnataka to Tamil Nadu.

The petitioners said such incidents highlight the immediate necessity for measures to prevent animal deaths due to collision with vehicles. They said animal deaths include those of reptiles, monkeys, civet cats and small mammals that come under the wheels of speeding vehicles at night. The roads that pass through the Tiger Reserve have become death traps for elephants due to inaction of the authorities, the petitioners said and added that the road is used by a large number of private transporters and other vehicles that drive rashly with utter disregard to wildlife and their habitat.

The PWD has assured the court that speed-breakers would be provided by Mar. 17. Additional Government Advocate D. Nagaraja submitted a letter addressed to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysuru, requesting him to provide speed-breakers and put up notice boards on the State Highway.

Further, on instructions of the Executive Engineer, PWD, Nagaraj submitted that the authorities would provide speed-breakers at an interval of 500 meters on the 11-km stretch, if ten days' time was granted. **Taking note of it, the Court issued directions to put speed-breakers and adjourned the hearing to Mar.19, 2019, for compliance of the interim order.**

More than 22 speed-breakers may hamper smooth travel

Road hump works in progress near Anechowkur.

Mysuru, Mar. 15 - Following High Court directive to lay speed-breakers at an interval of 500 metres for the 11-km stretch on the Mysuru-Virajpet Road near Mathigodu elephant camp passing through Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, the Public Works Department has begun laying the road humps.

Road hump works have begun before the Anechowkur Gate, (from Mysuru side) a border gate that separates Mysuru and Kodagu. While some of the road humps are being painted for motorists to identify the steep gradient, some of the humps have no indicators whatsoever and cannot be seen by vehicles, especially in the night as it is a forest area.

Commuters have expressed their anguish over non-marking of humps. While the High Court directive comes as a saviour of wildlife, the PWD, the implementing agency, is laying the humps recklessly, risking the lives of motorists, they alleged. They have appealed to the Department to mark the road humps in bright paints and also install signboards indicating their presence.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* on the adverse effects of the speed-breakers, **former Vice-President of Kodagu Chamber of Commerce Sridhar Nellithaya** said that the move to put road humps for every 500 metres would trouble commuters, especially those in urgent medical need. "The 11-km stretch will henceforth be dotted with more than 22 humps. South Kodagu does not have a good hospital and most of the patients are rushed to Mysuru on this particular road. Now the humps will restrict the smooth movement of emergency vehicles and also increases the risk of patients who may die en-route due to the delay," he said.

Sridhar, who is also the former President of Kodagu Journalists' Association, said that preventing wild animals from entering roads is the responsibility of the Forest Department. "Who will be responsible if vehicles are attacked by tuskers when they slow down to navigate the humps," he questioned.

Kaverappa, a regular traveller on this road told *SOM* that one speed-beaker per 500 metres was illogical. "There are only two or three speed-breakers inside Bandipur where a lot of road kills happen. On the Anechowkur road, only one tusker was killed and it is a stray incident. Now all the travellers between South Kodagu and Mysuru are inconvenienced," he rued.

Mysuru Railway Station

Redevelopment works: SWR clarifies

Mysuru, Mar. 15 - Following publication of the news item titled ***"Tourism Minister wants City Railway Station development stopped after 60% works done !"*** in yesterday's *SOM*, the authorities in South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, have reiterated that the redevelopment works at Mysuru Railway Station has been undertaken duly maintaining the integrity of heritage structures.

"The charge of tampering with heritage structure is vehemently denied. The works of Station redevelopment are divided into sub-works in which improvement to circulating area forms the major chunk. During rush hours lot of congestion was seen in front of the Railway Station, specially at the entrance near Babu Jagjivan Ram Circle. With a view to ease the traffic and introduce lane traffic, works have been taken up," stated a press release from Dr. S.G. Yatish, Sr.Divisional Commercial Manager and PRO, SWR, Mysuru Division.

"This involves clearing the garbage in front of 'A2B' restaurant in Railway boundary, cleaning and sprucing up the space, shifting of heritage pillars, redrawing the divider, underground electrical work for proper lighting & illumination and enhancing the parking space," he said.

"Passenger Reservation System (PRS) has been shifted adjacent to UTS ticketing so that all ticketing is in one place. The view of pillars which was blocked by earlier construction has been opened up to restore the heritage look of the pillars. In line with this the façade of annex building where UTS is located is being improved by putting similar pillars in this part to give a uniform look. All along special care has been taken to retain and restore the heritage look," the release said.

The Railways clarified that "prior to starting the works, all approvals with heritage committee have been processed including that of shifting the heritage pillars, doing the fencing of Division Office building etc. Further, the proposed plan has been circulated to City authorities as well as the Heritage Committee at every stage.

Efforts were made to take the Tourism Minister around and share the plan with him. However on his behest the work near the PRS has been temporarily stopped. Heritage Committee has once again visited the site and Division authorities expect a positive communication so that the works can be completed and the disturbance caused because of construction activities can be minimised."

Increase in frequency of MEMU Special Train

KSR Bengaluru-Mysuru to run 6 days in a week with revised train timings from Mar. 18

Mysuru, Mar. 15- Train No. 06575 / 06576 KSR Bengaluru - Mysuru - KSR Bengaluru MEMU Special will run with revised timings on six days a week instead of four days a week on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday instead of Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday with effect from Mar.18.

Train No. 06575 KSR Bengaluru - Mysuru MEMU Special will leave from KSR Bengaluru at 17:20 hrs instead of 19:50 hrs and reach Mysuru at 20:20 hrs instead of 22:40 hrs on every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

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Don't mock my tears: Deve Gowda in Mandya

- **Former PM touches emotional chord at Nikhil Kumaraswamy's political baptism**
- **Says accusations of nepotism and dynastic politics against his family are unfounded**

Mandya, Mar. 15 (Nagaiah& BCT)- After announcing the entry of his first grandson Prajwal Revanna (son of PWD Minister H.D. Revanna) into electoral politics from Hassan Lok Sabha seat on Wednesday amidst tears, former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda launched his second grandson Nikhil Kumaraswamy as candidate for the Mandya Lok Sabha seat yesterday where he told his critics not to mock his tears.

At Silver Jubilee Park in Mandya where the party function was held, Gowda made an emotional pitch but controlled his tears while he said Nikhil was entering politics to help his father, Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, who has not been in the pink of health, and also to strengthen the party.

"I had cried in Hassan due to the affection shown by my

CM H.D. Kumaraswamy

grandchildren and people who elected me. Media friends are mocking me because I shed tears. I won't shed any tears here. Do not mock my tears. Nikhil is mature enough to serve the people of this Constituency and he will stay here. People should elect him," he said.

Deve Gowda said Nikhil himself had expressed his desire to enter politics after considering the health of Kumaraswamy. "When my son had a second open heart surgery, my grandson was in the film industry. Considering the health condition of his father, Nikhil had expressed his desire to help his father and serve the party," Gowda said.

On his party's contribution, Gowda said that it was Congress-JD(S) that gave strength to Congress to pave way to scuttle the dream of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to make India free from Congress (Congress Mukt Bharat). The former PM informed that after the JD(S)-Congress alliance formed in Karnataka, the BJP could win only one seat among the 13 by-elections held across the country.

"I still remember the scene witnessed during swearing-in ceremony of Kumaraswamy in which leaders of various non-BJP parties had arrived and showed their willingness to fight united-

Former PM H.D. Deve Gowda seen addressing the gathering at the party function held at Silver Jubilee Park in Mandya yesterday as JD(S) candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy looks on.

ly to thrash the dreams of BJP retaining the power after 2019 general election," he added.

Deve Gowda revealed that when Congress came forward to have alliance only with the aim of preventing BJP from coming to power in the State and asked Kumaraswamy to become Chief Minister, he initially did not agree and asked any Congress leader to the post since he (Kumaraswamy) has undergone open heart surgery and he may not take up further responsibility. "Succumbing to the pressure of the Congress leaders, finally Kumaraswamy agreed to shoulder the responsibility" he said.

"Accusations of nepotism and dynastic politics against my family are unfounded as I had suggested the name of Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress Leader in the Lok Sabha, for the CM's post," he said.

On family politics, the JD(S) Supremo said, "My father was an agriculturist and he was not a politician. I selected my grandsons to see that my works in politics is continued and the aim of serving the people should be carried further and not with any other ill intention or to prevent others from losing the opportunity."

Kumaraswamy, who echoed similar views regarding his son's entry into politics, said that he was afraid when Nikhil was selected as the candidate to contest from Mandya. "During the previous election, I had to travel and campaign alone. Seeing my situation, Nikhil asked me whether he could campaign in some Constituencies on my behalf," he said.

Kumaraswamy said, "Our family entered politics not to make any property and our property is people of the State. Nikhil is contesting from Mandya to serve the people and he is not a power-monger," he said. Referring to 'Go back Nikhil Kumaraswamy' in social media, Kumaraswamy said his party is here not to run away but to show strength.

A master plan to pull out thorn in the flesh

- **H.D. Deve Gowda proposes Sumalatha's candidacy from Mysuru-Kodagu instead of Mandya**
- **D.K. Shivakumar given responsibility of convincing Sumalatha to make things easy for Nikhil**

Bengaluru, Mar. 15 (KMS& BCT)- For the family of former PM H.D. Deve Gowda that has introduced Nikhil Kumaraswamy into active politics from Mandya LS seat, Sumalatha has become a thorn in the flesh.

Indications of Mandya electorate rallying behind Sumalatha due to sympathy wave caused by the demise of her hugely popular husband, Ambarish has given sleepless nights to the family and Mandya JD(S) leaders and elected representatives who have been given the responsibility of ensuring Nikhil's victory.

And to control the situation in Mandya, Deve Gowda is said to have suggested to the Congress high command to field Sumalatha from Mysuru-Kodagu seat. The JD(S) is said to have told Congress that caste combination of Vokkaliga-Kuruba-minority and Dalits will work in favour of Sumalatha while no other Congress candidate could garner such support and consolidate votes in their favour.

But Congress Legislature Party leader Siddharamaiah, who managed to retain Mysuru with the party, has suggested former MP C.H. Vijayashankar's name as the candidate and Siddharamaiah is opposed to Sumalatha's candidature from Mysuru.

Deve Gowda and in-charge of Congress party affairs in the State, K.C. Venugopal, held a meeting to put an end to this imbroglio. They have come out with a solution which they feel will work. They have decided to issue a ticket to Sumalatha to contest from Mysuru.

Sources said that Minister D.K. Shivakumar has been assigned by the Congress high command to hold talks with Sumalatha to convince her to move to Mysuru. The party is also said to be considering fielding her from Bengaluru South where it is finding no takers.

Siddharamaiah is, however, blocking Sumalatha's candidature from Mysuru due to his rivalry with Ambarish in the past as Siddharamaiah, when

Sumalatha

he held power, had dropped Ambarish from his Cabinet. Siddharamaiah wants Vijayashankar to contest and the latter is confident of winning Mysuru-Kodagu as he had become the MP twice. In all probability, Mandya is likely to witness a straight fight between Nikhil and Sumalatha if the latter decides to contest as an Independent. BJP is unlikely to field its candidate and could throw its weight behind Sumalatha.

BJP hopes to consolidate votes in favour of Sumalatha to shatter Kumaraswamy's plans to send his son Nikhil to LS. Also, it is an open secret that Mandya Congress leaders headed by former Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy are backing Sumalatha. Cheluvarayaswamy was in JD(S) earlier and he is Kumaraswamy's rival now.

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Booths reflecting tribal culture this LS election

Mysuru, Mar.15 (UNI)- The Mysuru District Administration has plans to establish separate Polling Booths this time also for tribals as it was done in 2018 Assembly elections. The aim of setting up such booths was to attract tribals, who seldom vote and get busy with their routine work, to vote.

Tribal Polling Booths (Ethnic Booths) will be set up in tribal-dominated areas for the elections to Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha seat. However, the Administration is yet to decide on their numbers but such Booths will be established this time too, said Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar.

Tribal voters, most of whom are labourers, are usually discouraged from voting and they are forced to travel without proper public transportation. There is also the possibility of losing daily wages. To discourage this, Ethnic Booths will be set up near tribal hamlets to encourage voting.

Booths portraying tribal cultures were set up in Hunsur and H.D. Kote taluks during the 2018 Assembly Polls and tribal leaders and voters had welcomed the move under Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) programme for drawing voters to Polling Booths.

Ethnic Booths were set up during last elections within two kms of tribal settlements in eight districts of the State — Chamarajanagar, Udupi, Kodagu, Uttara Kannada, Dakshina Kannada, Mysuru, Shivamogga and Chikkamagalur.

The Polling Officials at the Ethnic Booths wore traditional peta (headgear), white shirt, dhoti and shalya. The painting of tribals in dance costumes hung to the trunk of the coconut tree was another attraction at the Booths.

Also, on the EC's directive, steps will be taken to bring people with physical disabilities to the Polling Booths in Government vehicles and drop them back at their homes after voting, the DC said. The district has 18,932 disabled voters.

Maate Mahadevi passes away

Bengaluru, Mar. 15- Prominent religious leader from Lingayat community Maate Mahadevi (73) died at a Bengaluru hospital last evening due to multiple organ failure.

She was admitted to hospital on Mar. 9 due to multiple organ failure and was on ventilation for the last few days. The doctors at Manipal Hospital announced her death.

Jagadguru Mate Mahadevi is a prominent woman pontiff of Lingayat community and seer of Lingayat Mutt Basava Dharma Peetha. The last rites will be conducted at Koodalasangama tomorrow.

Installed as 'Jagadguru' in the 1970s, Maate Mahadevi was the first woman seer of the community. She had started Sharana Mela, a religious congregation of followers of social reformer Basaveshwara and Lingayatism, and established Basava Dharma Peetha at Koodalasangama.

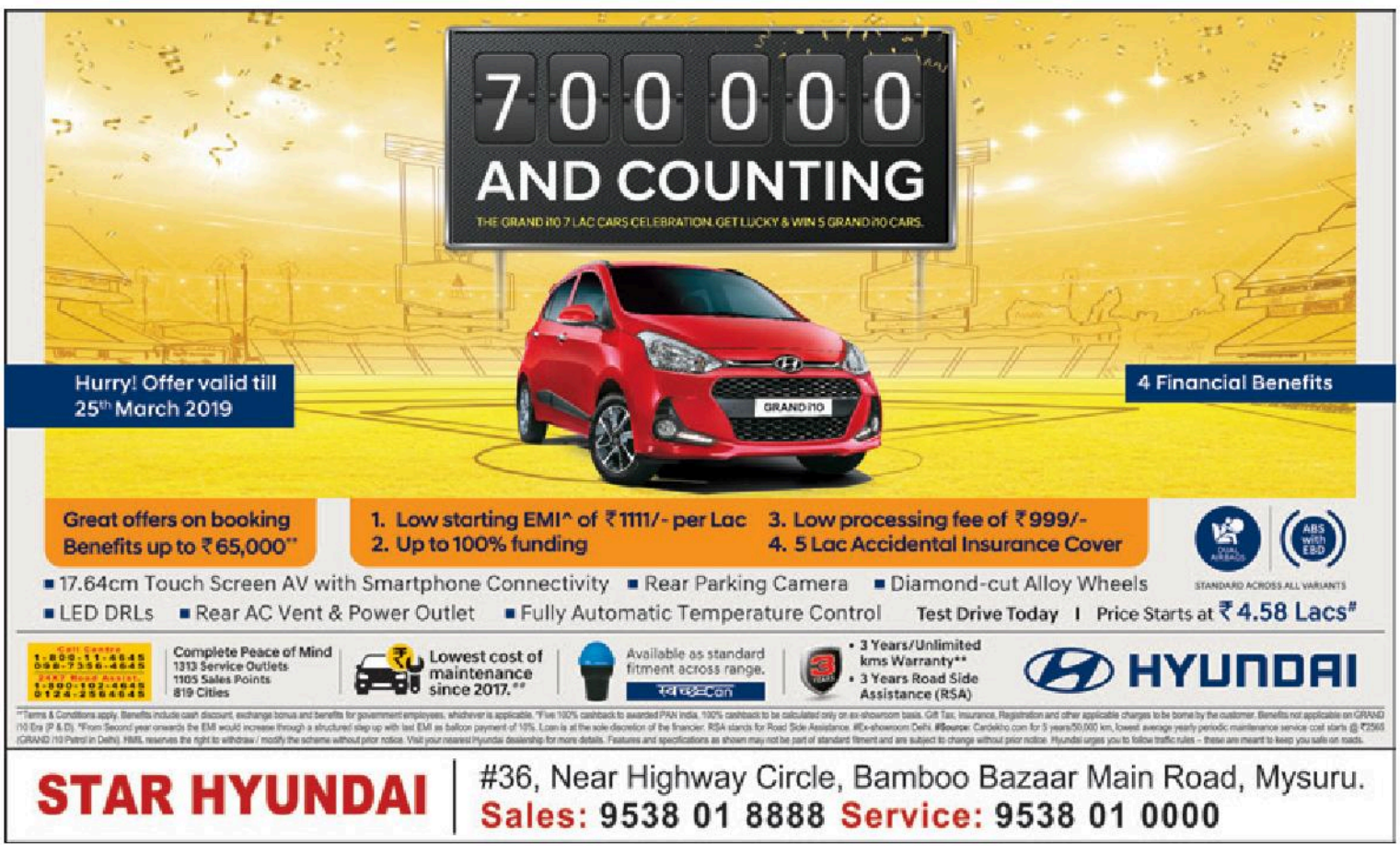
Mate Mahadevi was in the forefront of the movement demanding separate religion status for the Lingayat community and had angered Veerashaiva seers and leaders. The support from Home Minister M.B. Patil, JD(S) leader Basavaraj Horatti and other prominent seers in the region had added strength to the movement.

Condolences poured in after the news of her death and several seers and leaders paid tributes by setting aside their ideological differences.

Illuminated signage atop Chamundi Hill to attract voters this poll season

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (US&RK)- SVEEP Co-ordinating Officer and ZP CEO K. Jyothi has said that awareness on voting would be created among people through an illuminated signboard atop Chamundi Hill with Lok Sabha polls round-the-corner.

Addressing a meeting of officials at ZP premises here on Wednesday, Jyothi said that on the lines of 'Suswagatha' and 'Welcome' signboards atop the Hill installed with illumination during Dasara, a message reading, *'Your Vote - Your Right'* would be installed now. She suggested the Officers to install voter awareness signboards at all important Circles in the district which should be put up at tribal settlements and also displayed on KSRTC buses and Nandini milk packets. She told SVEEP Officers to arrange street plays with folk troupes to create awareness on voting this poll season.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Two-day India Higher Education Summit - 2019 begins in city

'Investment on Science & Technology will be foundation of future India'

Bharat Ratna Prof. C.N.R. Rao delivering the keynote address through video conference from Indian Institute of Science (IISc.) campus, Bengaluru, at the two-day India Higher Education Summit - 2019 that began in Mysuru this morning. Picture right shows a section of audience.

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (RK&KS)- Investment on Science and Technology will be the foundation of future India, said Bharat Ratna Prof. C.N.R. Rao. He was delivering the keynote address at the two-day India Higher Education Summit – 2019, organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) which began at Hotel Radisson Blu here this morning. Prof. Rao spoke through video conferencing from JC Bose Centre at Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bengaluru

The summit is being held with the theme "Innovation in Education for a Competent Industry." Prof. Rao, who is the National Research Professor, Linus Pauling Research Professor and Honorary President, JNCASR, said that India needs to give more importance to Research and Innovation and added that the Chinese and the Americans are on the top because they stressed more on research and innovation.

He further said that there is a need for more investment in education as the investment is only 3% now which should go up to 6%. Stating that education at schools nowadays is boring as it is limited only to classroom teaching, Prof. Rao said that students should be given opportunities to study in a peaceful atmosphere rather than confining them to a room.

Opportunities should be given for innovations at universities and students should not be limited only to textbooks, he said and added that India has bright students who are without any opportunities.

Former Minister Prof. B.K. Chandrashekar regretted that the faculty has no freedom to teach and the students have no freedom to learn what they want because Universities depend on Governments and the University Grants Commission (UGC) for funds and hence they (Universities) have to listen to what they say and teach what they are told to teach.

He further said that the rules which were formed in 1954 are still being followed without any changes and added that Universities should create their own funds and must lessen the dependency on the governments so that they can form their own rules and provide better and quality education. Academic institutions need freedom, he opined.

Stating that the examination process should be reformed, Prof. Chandrashekar said that despite high security from the time of printing question papers and distributing them, still question papers are leaked. He said that he has no hopes on the improvement of Higher Education in the State and added that syllabus and examination patterns should be changed.

More than 300 academicians, industrialists, corporates and others are taking part in the summit being held in four broad sessions: (1) Innovation in Higher Education (2) Changes in Policy and Education Delivery Infrastructure (3) Science: Engineering & Technology and Medical Education (4) Leadership and Entrepreneurship in Management Education.

CII Mysuru Zone Chairman Bhaskar Kalale, Vice-Chairman Amit Kumar, N. Muthukumar, President and Whole Time Director of Automotive Axles, Advisor of JSS, Mahavidyapeeta Prof. M.H. Dhananjaya, JSS University Vice-Chancellor Dr. B. Suresh, University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar and others were present.

Prasad calls on Yeddyurappa

State BJP Vice-President and Dalit leader V. Sreenivasa Prasad called on State BJP President B.S. Yeddyurappa at the latter's Dollar's Colony residence in Bengaluru this morning. The duo are said to have discussed about fielding the party's candidate from Chamarajanagar LS seat. Later, speaking to the party workers, who had assembled in large numbers and the media, Yeddyurappa said that Prasad had expressed his willingness to contest from Chamarajanagar following pressure from his supporters and fans. MLA B. Harshavardhan, BJP leaders Kautilya Raghu, C. Basavegowda and others were present.

Athena Educational Services launched in city

D. Sudhanva, Managing Director of Excelsoft Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Mysuru, seen lighting the lamp to inaugurate Athena Educational Services at a function held at a private hotel in city yesterday as** (from left) **Athena Co-Founder and Director B.S. Prashanth,** Star of Mysore **Managing Editor Vikram Muthanna, MLA S.A. Ramdas and Athena Co-Founder and CEO Girish Baga look on. Athena, a consultant firm specialises in education field and offers benchmarked solutions for an educational institution's requirement.

Mysore Varsity Hon. Doctorates

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"We had sent a list of 16 achievers to the Governor's Office to confer the Honorary Doctorates and the Expert Scrutiny Committee selected the names of Mata Amritanandamayi and Karivrashabha Deshikendra Shivayogishwara Mahaswamiji," said Prof. Hemantha Kumar and mentioned that the **one doctorate rule per University will come into force from the next academic year.**

In all, 28,163 candidates will be conferred different degrees at the Convocation and among them, 18,127 (64.5 percent) are women candidates and 10,036 (35.6 percent) are men candidates. Over 384 candidates will receive Ph.D. degrees in various subjects and here 166 (43.2 percent) are women candidates and 218 (56.8 percent) are men.

Over 368 medals and 182 prizes will be shared by 206 candidates in all the five faculties and among them, 135 (65.5 percent) are women.

8,241 candidates will be conferred with Master's Degrees and among them, 4,928 (59.79 percent) are women candidates. 19,538 candidates will be conferred with Bachelor's Degrees and 13,033 (66.70 percent) are women candidates.

Awareness marks
World Consumer Day

Students of M.Sc Chemistry Department from St. Philomena's College giving a demonstration on adulteration food products to the public as part of World Consumer Day.

Mysuru, Mar. 15(RKB&SR)- World Consumer Day to create global awareness about Consumer Rights was celebrated in city this morning.

The Members of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP), Department of Legal Metrology, Bharath Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), CESC, Mysore Jewellers and Saraf Association, MYMUL and other organisations have set up kiosks near Chikka Gadiyara (Dufferin Clock Tower) and provided information about the protection of consumer rights undertaken by Departments, Agencies and Corporation.

MGP President H. Srimathi Hariprasad, Working President Sobana, members Janaki Ramani, Jayaram, Dr. Krishnamurthy and Yaduraj highlighted the importance of consumer rights.

They said that consumer have all rights to have information about the quality, potency, quantity, purity, price and standard of goods or services of all the products.

They also advocated about consumers right to choose the product be protected from all kind of hazardous substances besides to seek redressal, whenever consumer rights have been infringed and the right to complete consumer education.

Over a dozen students of MSc Chemistry Department from St. Philomena's College gave a demonstration on how customers are cheated by traders by supplying adulterated products and sensitised them on various health effects caused by consuming adulterated food items. They also displayed the adulterated coffee, tea powder, sweets and other products on the occasion.

Assistant Controller of Legal Metrology Department B. Thimmarayappa, Inspectors Mahadevaswamy and Sumarani also gave demonstration about how the public are cheated in weight and measurement by traders. They asked the public to check and the weight and measurement of their products before leaving the shops. Mysore Chamarajanagar Milk Union Limited Technical Officer also sensitised the public about the adulteration of milk products.

CESC Assistant Executive Engineer Rajappa and other officials educated the public by appealing them to file complaints by utilising the helpline number 1912 in case of power disruptions and irregular power cuts occurs in their vicinity.

National-level seminar tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 15- Maharani's Women's Commerce and Management College, Mysuru has organised a day-long National Seminar on "Emerging Perspectives on HR, Marketing & Finance" tomorrow (Mar. 16) at the college premises from 9.45 am.

President of Lion's Club of Mysore Ln Mallappa Gowda will inaugurate. Prof. C. Raju of Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Kozhikode, Kerala, will deliver the keynote address.

Sessions on 'Emerging Perspectives on Issues in Banking Sector', 'Marketing, Society & Strategy' and 'New Dimensions of Recruitment, Package & Training' will be held followed by technical sessions, and paper presentations by research scholars, faculty and others.

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Crores of rupees recovered from RDPR Engineer ahead of election

Bengaluru, Mar. 15- Income Tax officials this morning seized crores of rupees found in possession of Executive Engineer Narayana Gowda Patil, working in the **Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR).**

Krishna Byre Gowda is the Minister of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj.

Narayana Gowda Patil was allegedly given crores of rupees by a contractor and the cash has now been seized from a hotel room in Bengaluru's Anand Rao Circle. The money was kept in two rooms of the hotel and all the notes are of Rs. 2,000 and Rs. 500 denominations, reports said. The exact amount seized has not been revealed by the Income Tax authorities, but sources said that the amount is more than Rs. 2 crore.

Minister Krishna Byre Gowda said that he would conduct an inquiry and obtain more details about the alleged scam. IT officials raided two places — Bengaluru and Haveri — simultaneously and recovered cash from both locations.

While money worth more than Rs. 2 crore was recovered from the hotel rooms in Bengaluru, more than Rs. 25 lakh was recovered from Haveri. Narayana Gowda is absconding after he received information that raids were being conducted.

Officials however have arrested his driver and have seized the vehicle. Authorities are now probing the source of the money and its purpose.

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College student among two killed in accident

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (RK&BCT)- A 24-year-old college student and a stone crusher worker were killed in an accident at Kodishettypura near Srirangapatna on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway this morning.

The accident was caused by a speeding car that was coming to Mysuru from Bengaluru at 8 am.

According to Srirangapatna Police and eyewitnesses, the college student identified as Mounashree, who had recently got married, was waiting for a bus to reach her college on Mysuru.

A Maruti Ritz car that was coming from Bengaluru lost control and first hit a two-wheeler on which stone crusher workers Santosh and Sridhar were proceeding to their workplace. Both Santosh and Sridhar hailed from Uttara Kannada district.

The impact of the accident was such that the bike after getting hit by the car forcibly hit Mounashree. Santosh, who was on the bike, was flung to a distance and he was killed on the spot.

One of Mounashree's legs was broken and she also sustained severe head injuries. Sridhar too sustained severe injuries.

Passers-by shifted Mounashree to Apollo Hospital where she breathed her last.

The other injured including three inmates of the car and Sridhar have been admitted to Narayana Hrudayalaya.

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Karnataka should improve position in Indian Tourism: Minister

Mysuru, Mar.15 (RKB&US)- A two-day seminar on 'Heritage and Health Tourism in Karnataka' was organised by the Department of Commerce, History and IQAC of Vidyavardhaka First Grade College and the Department of Tourism at the College premises here on Mar.13 and 14.

Inaugurating the seminar on Wednesday, Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh regretted that Karnataka was in the 7th place in Indian Tourism though there is ample scope for tourism in the State. He attributed the situation to lack of publicity and contended that public co-operation and participation too was needed to support the Government plans.

He opined that tourism and health were complimentary to each which needs people to protect health and environment.

Mahesh further said that the Government had provided Rs.700 crore to Tourism Department and heritage structures are being developed.

He said that cable car facility is being provided for Nandi Hills, Gaganachukki and Bharachukki Falls. He announced that the Government would present three prizes to students who send the photograph of tourist spot they visited recently along with a route map.

Delivering the keynote address, former Principal Secretary of Tourism Department I.M. Vittal Murthy said that reading and visiting places would improve the knowledge of people. He drew the attention of the Tourism Minister to resume Golden Chariot train, installation of good signboards on tourism and good travel guides for tourists.

Vidyavardhaka Sangha Hon. President Gundappa Gowda presided. Hon. Secretary P. Vishwanath, Hon. Treasurer Srishailaramannavar, College Management Council Chairman T. Nagaraju and Principal Dr. S. Marigowda were present.

Lady Bhagiratha feted on World Women's Day

Gowramma, hailed as 'Lady Bhagiratha' being felicitated by MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag at JSS Law College in city recently as Principal Dr. S. Nataraj and Administrative Officer K.S. Suresh look on.

Mysuru, Mar.15- Marking World Women's Day, JSS Law College had organised a function at its premises in Kuvempunagar here on Saturday last.

Speaking on the occasion, MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag opined that women can take a tough stand at any critical juncture and hence, sought 50% reservation for women in political sector depending on the population. She contended that greater responsibility rests on women as she has to manage both house and career.

She observed that women concentrate more on their physical beauty which could sometime pose a few problems and challenges. She suggested women to focus more on work and career growth.

Gowramma Chandrashekar Nayak of Sirsi hailed as 'Lady Bhagiratha' for manually digging a 75ft. deep well by herself to solve the water problems of farmers, was felicitated on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, Gowramma said that she began digging the well in a one-acre land for agricultural purpose and added that she was determined to reach the water table on any count which proved successful after digging for three months.

College Principal Dr. S. Nataraj, Administrative Officer K.S. Suresh and others were present.

Realtors groomed on RERA Act

Mysuru, Mar.15 (MK&US)- Mysore Realtors Association (MRA), along with District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) and Mysore Bar Association, had organised an awareness and legal assistance programme for realtors and public on Mar.12 at a private hotel in city.

Inaugurating the programme, Principal District and Sessions Court Judge S.K. Vantigodi asked realtors and public to go through the Real Estate Regulation and Development Act brought out by the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA).

He observed that a lot of confusions and problems erupt owing to ignorance of the popularly called RERA Act. He said that a team was being constituted to effectively publicise RERA Act.

DLSA Member-Secretary B.P. Devamane said that entrepreneurs and public can also seek the help of DLSA to resolve legal tangles.

Bar Association President S. Anandkumar, MRA President M.D. Adish Sagar, advocate N. Sunder Raj and others were present.

Principal District and Sessions Court Judge S.K. Vantigodi is seen lighting the lamp to inaugurate awareness and legal assistance programme for realtors and public at a private hotel in city on Mar.12 as others look on.

Samvahana Prakashana's 14 publications released

Mysuru, Mar.15 (SPN&US)- Fourteen books published by Samvahana Prakashana were released at a function held at Rajendra Bhavan in JSS Hospital premises here on Mar.12.

Speaking on the occasion, Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS) Director Dr. Nilagiri M. Talawar opined that Mysore University should organise debates on books useful to society for the benefit of students. He added that such meaningful discussions would also improve the knowledge of students.

Addressing the gathering, Mysore University VC Dr. G. Hemantha Kumar recalled that Rashtrakavi Kuvempu used to give utmost importance for Prasaranga. He expressed happiness in a sharp increase of bibliophiles in recent times.

The books released were 'Nakkala Rajakumari' by Dr. H.S. Rudresh, 'Buddha Dharma Yendarenu?' by Dr. Chandrashekaraiah, 'Socrates ninda Hegel varege' by Dr. Y.S. Gowramma, 'Vishwa Raitha Santha' by K.C. Basavaraj, 'Geluvagele Mana' by H.M. Nagaraja Rao, 'Shivapura 2 America' by Basavaraj Shivapura, 'Arogyakkagi Yogasana' by Dr. M.L. Rajendraprasad, 'Navami Mallara Dhibba' by Dr. H.S. Rudresh, 'Basava Mattu' by Dr. Sarju Katkar, 'Mugiyada Munnadi' by Dr. C. Naganna, 'Olegarigala Siriyallli' by Dr. Y.C. Bhanumati, 'Devabhoomi Jeevayana' by H.M. Nagaraja Rao, 'Nenapinangaladalli Kaledu Hoguva Asthithva' by J.P. Vijayakumar, 'Kadugolla Eragara: Pujar Chikkavalappa' by Dr. D.C. Chitralingaiah.

JSS Mahavidyapeetha Director (Collegiate Education) Prof. Morabada Mallikarjuna, MLC K.T. Srikantegowda, Litterateur Dr. C.P. Krishna Kumar and Samvahana Prakashana's D.N. Lokappa were present.

Winners of VTU Inter-Collegiate Mysuru Zone Kho-Kho Championships

*The NIE Kho-Kho Men team won the VTU Inter-Collegiate Mysuru Zone Championships (2019-20) organised by BGSIT, B.G. Nagar, recently. Seen in the picture are (from right - standing) **C.R. Sachin, M.J. Sushruth Sosale, S. Sushruth, C.M. Yashwanthkumar, J. Dilip, G.K. Jayanth, Akki Kotresh, S. Sujith and K.R. Swaroop;** (sitting) **K.A. Abhilash Kumar, Manohar, Coach and Alumni, Shankaranarayana, Physical Education Director, Dr. R. Gopalakrishne Urs, Principal (in-Charge), Dr. K. Pushpalatha, Chairperson, NIE Sports Committee, R. Kavya, Asst. PE Director, Abhisheka (Captain);** (kneeling) **Shivanand and M.M. Chandrashekar.***

MDFA 'A' Division Football League

Narrow win for Chanakya Koota

Mysuru, Mar. 15- Chanakya Koota helped by a brace by right-out Rishab Cariappa (5th & 53rd) scored a narrow 2-1 win over Town Sports Club, by 2-1 on Friday.

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Bengal Open Golf Tournament

Baisoya extends lead

City's Yashas Chandra fares well

Bangladesh, Mar.15 - Honey Baisoya extends lead to two with a hard-earned 65 on day three of Bengal Open Golf Championship 2019 presented by West Bengal Tourism and powered by Tollygunge Club on Friday.

Md. Zamal Hossain Mollah matches tournament's best round of 62, rises to 12th, Mysore lad M.S. Yashas Chandra fared well and returned with a 75 and a grace of Rd. Delhi's Honey Baisoya may not have matched his scores of 64 from the first two rounds but the 22-year-old, in his own words, came up with his most satisfying effort of the week on day three, a hard-earned five-under-65 that helped him extend his lead at the inaugural Bengal Open Golf Championship.

Honey (64-64-65), the overnight leader by one, is now two shots ahead of the field at 17-under-193 going into the final round of the 2019 TATA Steel PGTI season's fourth event.

Bangladesh's Badal Hossain (63-66-66), moved from overnight tied second to sole second as a result of his 66 on Thursday that took his total to 15-under-195 at the Rs. 30 lakh event.

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Christchurch Shooting: New Zealand, Bangladesh third Test called off

Christchurch, Mar. 15- The third Test match between New Zealand and Bangladesh that was scheduled to begin on Saturday at Hagley Oval in Christchurch has been called off after a shooting at a nearby mosque today (Friday).

New Zealand Cricket made the announcement through their official Twitter handle. "Our heartfelt condolences go out to the families and friends of those affected by the shocking situation in Christchurch. A joint decision between NZC and the @BCBtigers has been made to cancel the Hagley Oval Test. Again both teams and support staff groups are safe," the Black Caps tweeted.

Bangladesh Cricket Board spokesman Jalal Yunus said most of the team were bussed to the mosque in Christchurch and were about to go inside for

Friday prayers when the incident happened. "They are safe. But they are mentally shocked. We have asked the team to stay confined in the hotel," he told.

Over 40 killed

Forty people have been shot dead and 20 injured in attacks at two mosques during Friday afternoon prayers in Christchurch in what is the worst mass shooting in New Zealand's history.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said it was "one of New Zealand's darkest days" as Police uncovered multiple explosive devices attached to cars and commissioner Mike Bush urged all mosques across the country to close their doors for the time being. Four people were taken into custody — three men and one woman — for what Ardern described as a terrorist attack."

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Man held for stealing mobile phones

10 cell phones worth about Rs. 70,000 recovered

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (KS)- Lashkar Police, following a complaint from a woman about her mobile phone being robbed while she was boarding a city bus on Mar. 8, conducted an operation on Mar. 13 on K.T. Street and have arrested the accused.

The accused is 25-year-old Manju, a native of Lanke village, Hampapura hobli in H.D. Kote taluk, who was residing at Cauvery Nagar, Belavatha in city.

During interrogation, the accused is said to have told the Police that he had stolen mobile phones from passengers who were sleeping at Bus Stand and Railway Station during night and based on the information provided by the accused, the Cops have recovered 10 phones worth about Rs. 70,000 from him.

DCP M. Mutthuraju and Devaraja Sub-Division ACP Gajendra Prasad supervised Lashkar Inspector N. Muniyappa, SI Pooja, ASI N. Mahadevappa and staff Parashivamurthy, Lokesh, Pradeep, Pratheep and Manjunath took part in the nabbing and recovery operation.

Thief burgles house using stolen keys

Mysuru, Mar.15 (MK&KS)- A thief, who had allegedly stolen the key of a house, has reportedly burgled the house using the same key and has decamped with gold and cash from the house.

The thief has decamped with Rs.30,000 cash and gold ornaments worth about Rs.1.15 lakh from the house.

The burglary took place at the house of one Manju Prasad, located on Dr. Rajkumar Road in Yeraganahalli Layout 1st Stage.

It is learnt that Manju Prasad's daughter, who had one of the keys of the house had lost it along with the key of her scooter about two weeks back. On Mar.4, the family members found the keys in a pot kept at the house.

On Mar.11, when Manju Prasad's wife opened the almirah to make payment for the clothes she had purchased, found Rs.30,000 cash stolen. She then immediately opened the almirah of her daughter and found one pearl necklace worth about Rs.30,000, an eight gram gold chain, 20 gram gold bangles and a diamond earring worth about Rs.15,000 stolen and immediately lodged a Police complaint.

Alanahalli Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Caught while accepting bribe: Village Accountant dismissed from service

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (RK&KS)- A Village Accountant, who was caught red handed by the Lokayukta Police while accepting bribe to get a *Pouthi Khata* done, has been dismissed from service on Friday after the accusation was proved.

The Village Accountant who has been dismissed is M.S. Surendra. As per the directions from the Government on Jan. 11 and as per the order from the Deputy Commissioner in a letter on Mar. 7, the Village Accountant, who was serving as the First Division Assistant at present in the Record Room at the Tahsildar's Office at Nazarbad here, Tahsildar Renukumar, on Mar. 8 at 4 pm dismissed Surendra from his service.

Surendra, who was earlier working as a Village Accountant at Karaganahalli Circle, Yelwal hobli in the taluk, had demanded a bribe of Rs. 8,000 from an applicant to get a *Pouthi Khata* done for an agricultural land. He was caught by the Lokayukta Police in 2011 while he was accepting a bribe of Rs. 5,000 and was arrested.

Lokayukta Police, who investigated the case, proved the case and submitted a report to the government. The government, which conducted a Departmental Enquiry also found the accused guilty of accepting the bribe and as per Karnataka Civil Service Rule 1957, Rule 8, passed an order to suspend Surendra. After the Suspension Order was taken back, Surendra was posted to the Records Section at the Tahsildar's office.

As Surendra has been dismissed from service, the responsibility of the Records Section has now been given to Second Division Assistant Sridevi.

Specially abled man killed

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (YDS&KS) - A 64-year-old specially abled man was killed after the three-wheeler he was riding along with his daughter toppled at Rajendranagar in city.

The deceased is Lingaiah of Rajendranagar. He was proceeding along with his daughter Mohana Kumari on his three wheeler, when he lost control of the vehicle which toppled resulting in serious injuries to him.

Though he was being rushed to a private hospital, he breathed his last mid way, according to the Police.

N.R. Traffic Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Rider killed after ramming bike into stationary lorry

Mysuru, Mar.15 (MK&KS)- A rider who suffered serious injuries after ramming his bike into a stationary lorry has breathed his last while being shifted to NIMHANS in Bengaluru on Tuesday night.

The deceased is Nagaraj (40), a resident of Srirangapatna in Mandya district. Nagaraj, along with his friend, was proceeding on the bike (KA-05 EV-5943) near Vidya Vikas College on Bannur Road, when the rider rammed the bike into a stationary lorry (KA-01 AB-9091) resulting in Nagaraj suffering serious injuries.

He was rushed to K.R. Hospital where he was provided treatment initially and was being shifted to NIMHANS, where he breathed his last midway. A case has been registered at Siddarthanagar Traffic Police Station.

Burglars decamp with CCTV camera modem from house

Mysuru, Mar. 15 (YDS&KS) - Burglars, who broke into a house and not finding any valuables or cash there, have decamped with a modem installed to a CCTV camera.

The burglary took place at the house of one Kishore Iyer on Paramahamsa Road in Yadavagiri.

Kishore, who is staying in Bengaluru, used to come once in a week to the house. Burglars, who had observed his movement, forced their entry into the house by breaking open the front door in a bid to steal gold ornaments or cash from the house. As they (burglars) could not find any valuables, the burglars have made away with a modem installed to the CCTV camera, according to the Police.

V.V. Puram Police have registered a case in this regard.

Boy, three others go missing from city

Mysuru, Mar.15 (KS)- In separate incidents, a boy and three others have gone missing from city.

In the first incident, 52-year-old

Jagannath, who left his house on Dec.24, 2018 at about 7 am, has since gone missing. He is 5.4 ft. tall, oval faced, normal built, oily red complexioned, speaks Kannada and was wearing a white checks shirt and black pant at the time of going missing.

In the second incident,

16-year-old **Fardeen Khan**, a SSLC student at Srikanteshwara School, who left his house at Ghousianagar on Feb.13 at about 5 pm, has since gone missing.

He is 5 ft. tall, oval faced, thin built, wheatish complexioned, speaks Kannada, Urdu languages and was wearing a shirt and pant at the time of going missing.

In the third incident, 75-year-old **Javarappa**,

a resident of Kyathamaranahalli, who left from the house of one Umesh, a relative, on Mar.7 at about 9 am, has since gone missing. Javarappa is 4.8 ft. tall, oval faced, normal built, oily red complexioned, speaks Kannada and is said to be suffering from memory loss.

Those having any information about the above missing persons, may contact Udayagiri Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418309 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339, according to press releases from the Sub-Inspector, Udayagiri Police Station.

In the fourth incident, a 30-year-old labourer, identified as Govindaraju, a resident of Ukkalagere village in T. Narasipur taluk, who left his house at about 6 am on Mar.12 for work, has since gone missing, according to a complaint lodged by his wife Sunitha at Bannur Police Station.

Those having any information about Govindaraju, may contact Bannur Police Station on Ph: 08227-275632 or District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800, according to a press release.

Obituary

Madiwalara Kunnaiah

Mysuru, Mar. 15 - Madiwalara Kunnaiah (79), a retired teacher and a resident of Saraswathipuram 1st Main Road, passed away yesterday at his residence.

He leaves behind his wife Arasamma, son Nagaraj, Director of Machideva Co-operative Society, two daughters, sons-in-law, grand children and a host of relatives and friends.

A native of Halagapura village, Hanur taluk in Chamarajanagar district, Kunnaiah was staying at his son's residence after retirement. Last rites were performed this afternoon at his farmhouse in Halagapura.

S.D. Saokar

S.D. Saokar (79), a resident of city, passed away on Mar. 13 here.

A philanthropist, he leaves behind his wife Sunita, sons Vinayak, Kishore and Anand, grand children and a host of relatives and friends.

Saokar was associated with Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP), Uttara Kannada Samskrutika Sangha, Konkani GSB Community and was also instrumental in bringing the art of Yakshagana to Mysuru back in 1970s.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill on Mar. 13, according to sources.

Mysore Varsity VC regrets decline in research work

Mysore University VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Registrar Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi and Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. K.M. Mahadevan being felicitated by University Research Scholars Association at Humanities Auditorium in Manasagangothri on Tuesday. Kollegal's Jetavana Buddharakkita Bhanteji, former Union Minister V. Sreenivasa Prasad, former Mayor Purushotham, former VC Dayananda Mane, UoM Administrative Officer Prof. D.K. Srinivas, Students Welfare Officer Prof. C. Ramaswamy and others were present.

Mysuru, Mar.15 (RKB&NNN)- The quality and quantity of research work has sharply declined in the last two years, regretted University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar.

He was speaking at the felicitation function organised by University of Mysore Research Scholars Association at Humanities Auditorium in Manasagangothri, here recently and said research papers should be published and only then it will gain traction. Hence, the research scholars must focus on quality research.

In 2020 the University will be going in for NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) accreditation to improve the rankings. They will strictly look at all the parameters. Hence, the research scholars should produce good papers and the Professors should also guide them in this regard, he cautioned.

The UoM has dropped to Grade 2 ranking and it should scale up to Grade 1 ranking again and for this the co-operation of everyone is very essential, he said.

Hostels, laptop for students

Reacting to the memorandum presented by the research scholars, Prof. Hemantha Kumar said that a separate hostel will be set up for the research scholars and the foundation stone will be laid after the elections. The building will be completed in 15 months time.

Regarding the laptops for the students and research scholars, the efforts are on to provide them by sending the proposal to the government, he said. Registrar Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi and Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. K.M. Mahadevan were also feted.

2-day MMC&RI Medical Conference from tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar.15 (PM&SR)- The Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) has organised two-day medical conference under the theme 'Vegas -19' on Mar.16 and 17 at MMC&RI's Platinum Jubilee Hall, J.K. Grounds in city.

Speaking to reporters at Pathrakarthara Bhavan here yesterday, Conference Organising Committee Chairman Dr. Lakshmegowda said that MBBS students from both inside and outside the State will present papers at the seminar and workshop organised as part of the event.

Students will also showcase their knowledge at medical quiz competition organised on the occasion.

The inauguration of the conference will held on Mar.16 at 6.30 pm. Doctors Dr. M.A.Shekar, Dr.H. Basavanagowdappa, Dr. K.R.Dakshayini and others will participate.

The valedictory of the event will held on Mar.17 at 5.30 pm. Assistant Chairman of Conference Organising Committee Dr.G.R. Arun, Secretary Binitha, Dr. Dinesh and others were present during the press meet.

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'Important to remove black mark on University'

The students and teachers must work hard to remove the black mark on the century-old University of Mysore. There must be harmony and healthy debates to solve problems. Politics should never be brought in here, said former Union Minister V. Sreenivasa Prasad.

He was speaking after inaugurating the felicitation function at Humanities Auditorium in Manasagangothri on Tuesday and said that the research scholars apart from grit must also work hard and concentrate on non-academic activities too. If the students do not have discipline not only their future will be spoilt but they will bring a bad name to the University. Hence, the students, teachers and the administration must join hands to take the University of Mysore forward, he said.

Researchers' demands

• The University must provide free education to the children of those who died in the Sulwadi temple poison incident.

• There was confusion in the backlog vacancies post in the University and all the posts must be filled in a lawful, transparent manner without meting out injustice to anyone.

• Just like in other Varsities laptop should be given free to both students and researchers.

• Just like in the National Students Scholarship, the period for student scholarships should be extended for five years to SC, ST students

• To enable the poor students from rural areas to adjust to the competitive world, they should be provided computer education and English education. Job skill training must be started and Competitive Exam Centre must be opened.

• Fees for various research works like yearly fees, Ph.D thesis submission fees, Ph.D extension fees that have gone up must be brought down.

• Separate hostel for research scholars.

• Before the problems of research scholars deteriorate, there should be a meeting between students and University officials chaired by the VC at least once in three months.

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Rajannana Maga (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am
Girgitle (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Bell Bottom (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Photograph (H)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Where is The Venkatalakshmi (Te)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Face 2 Face (K)	(S-4)	10.50 am
Yajamana (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Badla (H)	(S-4)	4.30 pm, 7.15 pm, 9.50 pm

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Captain Marvel (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 12.50 pm
		6.50 pm, 9.30 pm
Photograph (H)	(S-4)	9.50 am, 9.40 pm
Badla (H)	(S-2)	4.05 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-3)	10.25 am
Bell Bottom (K)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Girgitle (K)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
Luka Chuppi (H)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
	(S-4)	2.25 pm
Arabbi Kadala Theeradalli (K)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Yajamana (K)	(S-1)	3.30 pm; (S-2) 10 am
Ispade Rajavum Idhaya Raniyum (Ta)	(S-2)	6.40 pm
Rajannana Maga (K)	(S-3)	6.55 pm
Mere Pyare Prime Minister (H)	(S-4)	12.10 pm
Face 2 Face (K)	(S-4)	5.00 pm
Naanu Nammudgi Kharchgondh Mafia (K)	(S-4)	9.40 pm

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Mere Pyare Prime Minister (H)	9 am, 2.05 pm
Arabbi Kadala Theeradalli (K)	9.30 am
Naanu Nammudgi Kharchgond Mafia (K)	10.10 am
Captain Marvel (E-3D)	10.30 am, 4.05 pm
	6.50 pm, 9.35 pm
Badla (H)	11.25 am, 4.30 pm, 10 pm
Girgitle (K)	12.25 pm, 9.50 pm
Bell Bottom (K)	1.15 pm
Photograph (H)	1.15 pm, 7.15 pm
Rajannana Maga (K)	3.35 pm
Yajamana (K)	3.50 pm, 9.50 pm
Ispade Rajavum Idhaya Raniyum (Ta)	6.40 pm
Luka Chuppi (H)	7.10 pm

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Valuation boycott: State mulls ESMA against PU lecturers

Bengaluru, Mar. 15 (UNI)- The State government is considering invoking the stringent Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA) against Pre-University college lecturers who have threatened to boycott evaluation work as a mark of protest.

The evaluation process is scheduled to begin on Mar. 22. PU lecturers insist they have no choice but to take a stand on the issue as they have been paid less than their counterparts in neighbouring States for years now.

The Karnataka Pre-University College Teachers Association (KPUCTA) announced this boycott and indefinite strike from Mar. 21 at Freedom Park in Bengaluru. Following this, the Department is finding alternate ways to get evaluations done, one of which is invoking ESMA. A senior department official said, "ESMA is one of the alternatives we are thinking of, along with a few other options."

However, sources said the Department will try its best to convince lecturers to avoid boycotting evaluation. "Valuation is the easiest tool available for both the PU lecturers and the SSLC teachers to hold the administration to ransom. As there is a code of conduct in place, we will try to make them understand that nothing can be announced from the government's side. We can take the issue before the Chief Minister, who also holds the Primary and Secondary Education Minister post, after the Lok Sabha elections," the official said.

Reacting on ESMA being invoked, members of KPUCTA said the State cannot threaten them this way. "This is not new. Many of us have experienced ESMA and have been arrested. We are ready to go to jail again, but we will not be withdrawing our decision until our demands are met," said Thimmaiah Purle, President, KPUCTA.

EVENTS TODAY (MAR.15)

JSS Women's Polytechnic, JSS Technical Institutions Complex: Students' Association Anniversary Celebrations and International Women's Day celebrations, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Kannada Professor Dr. Jyoti Shankar chief guest, M. Kavitananda of IISC releases annual issue 'Ujjwala,' JSS Women's Polytechnic N. Shekar presides, Institution premises, **4.30 pm.**

Co-Curricular Activities Committee (2018-19), University Evening College, Mysuru: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Memorial Programme, special lecture on 'Dr. Ambedkar and Indian Constitution' by Prof. H.M. Rajashekar, retd. Professor, Political Science Department, Manasagangothri, University Evening College Principal Dr. S. Anjaneya presides, Committee Convenor Dr. R.N. Dinesh will be present, New Building, Room No.21, Maharaja's College, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Ashrama's anniversary celebrations, 'Kumaravyasa Bharata - Rajasuya Sacrifice' Gamaka Vaachana by Muttur Kumaraswamy, Vyakhyaana by Dr. H.R. Vasudeva, Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **5.45 pm to 8 pm.**

Ganabharathi: Vocal recital by Vid. T.V. Ramprasadh, accompanied by Vidu. Kalpana Venkat on violin, Vid. Calcutta Arvind on mridanga and Vid. Bhargava Halambi on khanjira, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Sri Tyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha: Flautist Vid. A.V. Prakash Memorial Music Programme, Vocal recital by Dr. Vidu. R.N. Srilatha, accompanied by Vidu. Veena Suresh on violin, Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. Vikram Bharadwaj on ghata, Sri Chandramouleshwara Temple's Sri Vidya Bharati Prarthana Mandira, V.V. Mohalla, **6.30 pm.**

Avadhoota Datta Peetham: Discourse on 'Srimad Bhagavatha Dashama Skanda' by Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, Ganapathy Ashrama premises, Mysuru-Ooty Road, **7 pm to 9 pm.**

Sri Digambara Jain Samaja and Padmasri Jain Mahila Samaja: Palgunamasa Nandishwara Ashtahnika Parva of Sri Vilamba Nama Samvatsara, discourse on 'Aaru guranigalu' by Dr. Jwala Suresh, Sri Shantishwara Swamy Basadi (Kote Basadi), **7.15 pm to 8.15 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAR.16)

Rotary International District 3181, Rotary Mysore Brindavan: All India Rotaract Athletic Meet (AIRAM) - 2019, District Governor 3181 Rtn. P. Rohinath declares the Meet open, Zone-8 Assistant Governor Rtn. Rajashekar Murthy, Zone-7 Rtn. Sunil Baliga and DRR Ganesh G. Bhat will receive the guard of honour, after hoisting the flags, Chamundi Vihar Stadium, **9.30 am.**

Maharani's Women's Commerce and Management College, Valmiki Road, Paduvarahalli: National Seminar on 'Emerging Perspectives on HR, Marketing and Finance,' MLA L. Nagendra inaugurates, Prof. C. Raju of IIM-Kozhikode, Kerala, delivers keynote address, Lions Club of Mysore President Ln. Mallappa Gowda chief guest, **9.45 am.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Anniversary celebrations, Homage to Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa, Spiritual Retreat for Devotees, Special Lecture on 'Sri Ramakrishna's Narendra Sadhana' by Swami Dayatmanandaji, 'Sri Ramakrishna - the Avatara of this age,' Karnatak vocal music by Shweta Sagar, Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **5.45 pm to 8 pm.**

Nrityagiri Academy of Performing Arts and Research Centre, Mysuru: Bharatanayam Rangapravesha of Pooja Sugam (disciple and daughter of Dr. Kripa Phadke), accompanied by Guru Dr. Kripa Phadke (natuvanga), Vidu. Rajeshwari Pandit (vocal), Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy (mridanga), Vid. A.P. Krishna Prasad (flute) and Vid. Dasappa (morching); Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshiekendra Swamiji graces the occasion, MMK&SDM Mahila Mahavidyalaya Principal Prof. Sainath Malligemadu and writer from Mandya Dr. Pradeep Kumar Hebri chief guests, Guru Vandana to Nrityanikethana (Belthangadi, Dakshina Kannada) Director Nritya Kala Sindhu P. Kalamalaksha Achar, Swarasankula Vidyalaya (Mysuru) Director Pt. Veerabhadairah Hiremutt and Mahati Sangeetha Sabha (Mysuru) Director Vidu. Bhagyalakshmi, Kalamandira, **6 pm.**

Sri Tyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha: Flautist Vid. A.V. Prakash Memorial Music Programme, veena recital by Vid. Dr. S. Vijayaraghavan, accompanied by Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Kaushik on ghata, Sri Chandramouleshwara Temple's Sri Vidya Bharati Prarthana Mandira, V.V. Mohalla, **6.30 pm.**

Rangayana: Puppet Show titled 'Rex Hours' (directed by Shravankumar) by Rangayana Sanchari Rangaghataka, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana, **6.30 pm.**

Avadhoota Datta Peetham: Discourse on 'Srimad Bhagavatha Dashama Skanda' by Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, Ganapathy Ashrama premises, Mysuru-Ooty Road, **7 pm to 9 pm.**

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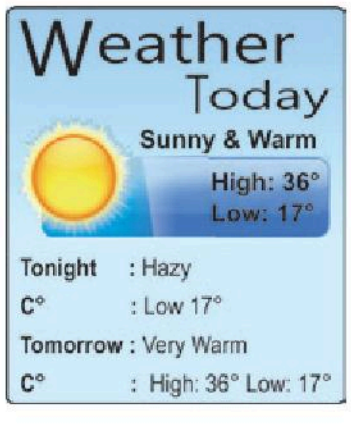

Bharatanatyam Rangapravesha of Pooja Sugam tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar.15- Bharatanatyam Rangapravesha of Pooja Sugam, disciple and daughter of Dr. Kripa Phadke, will be held at Kalamandira in city on Mar.16 at 6 pm, under the aegis of Nrityagiri Academy of Performing Arts and Research Centre, Mysuru.

She will be accompanied by Guru Dr. Kripa Phadke (natuvanga), Vidu. Rajeshwari Pandit (vocal), Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy (mridanga), Vid. A.P. Krishna Prasad (flute) and Vid. Dasappa (morching).

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion. MMK&SDM Mahila Mahavidyalaya Principal Prof. Sainath Malligemadu and writer from Mandya Dr. Pradeep Kumar Hebri will be the chief guests.

Guru Vandana to Nrityanikethana (Belthangadi, Dakshina Kannada) Director *Nritya Kala Sindhu* P. Kamalaksha Achar, Swarasankula Sangeetha Vidyalaya (Mysuru) Director Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath and Mahati Sangeetha Shala (Mysuru) Director Vidu. Bhagyalakshmi.

PROFILE

Born as the daughter of renowned Bharatanatyam exponent Guru Dr. Kripa Phadke and Vijayakumar of Department of Posts (Railway Mail Service), Pooja Sugam is bestowed with the graceful art forms of Music and Dance.

Being a bonafide student of Nrityagiri, Pooja is imbibing techniques of traditional Bharatanatyam in Pandanallur style from her mother. She has accomplished her Pre-Proficiency Grade of Examination from KSEEB. Presently, she is pursuing her dance in Proficiency Grade.

She is learning Karnatak Classical Music under the tutelage of Vidu. Bhagyalakshmi and Hindustani Music under Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath. She has completed Junior Grade Exam in Karnatak Music and presently practicing Senior Grade.

She has had her academic schooling at Daisy Convent, Mysuru and further studied at Sri Viveka Vidyalaya PU College, Mysuru and pursuing B.Sc final year degree at MMK&SDM Women's College, Mysuru.

She has represented University of Mysore at Zonal, State and National-levels in Music and Dance competitions. She has enacted in prime roles in Dance-Dramas such as Buddham Sharanam Gacchami (as Buddha), Karaala Bete (as Shravana Kumara), Vande Mataram, Geethamruthaduhe Namaha, Karnataka Kala Deepthi, Madagada Kenchavva, Veera Vanitheyaru, Chitrangada and the like presented by Nrityagiri troupe. She has also enacted in the play 'Lady Macbeth' directed by Karthik of Rangayana, Mysuru.

She has been teaching music and dance to children at Shakthidhama and is an active member of Samskara Bharathi, Mysuru, a deemed National institution for preservation and promotion of culture.

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